

3. It will be noted from what [source] has written that there have been no major changes or developments since reference. Most of the items reported by source are straightforward and readily understood. Also attached will be found a photocopy of the curriculum vitae which Eugen DOELLMANN gave to Don G. BARBAVESCHI (Attachment B). Attachment C is a slip of paper given to source by BARBAVESCHI on which is written BARBAVESCHI's summer address. The note is in BARBAVESCHI's handwriting.

4 July

8. Arranged a meeting with Colonel Eugen DOELLMANN [] 2879, etc.) and BULLO to discuss the possibility of recuperating German arms in the Brenner region. DOELLMANN presented as Doctor AMMAN, though BULLO knows perfectly well who he is, but the pretence was kept up.

9. DOELLMANN is sure that by contacting Nazi circles in Innsbruck, particularly the group around the famous HOFER, ex-Gauleiter of Bolzano, he can pick up old Nazi connections who would be disposed to sell these arms. As DOELLMANN is about the only person left of the higher Nazi circles he is the only one who could probably contact these people and talk with them. BULLO agreed to send DOELLMANN on this trip, and some discussion as to the advisability of BULLO going with him, but DOELLMANN believes that Innsbruck is too small, and DOELLMANN too well known to be seen in a Swiss car, etc. DOELLMANN will leave alone, and telegraph for BULLO when he has made the contacts. I will keep out of the picture entirely.

(NOTE: DOELLMANN departed for Innsbruck on the morning of 12 July.)

10. DOELLMANN is convinced that he may get on to traces of a part of the personal belongings of HITLER sent into this region in 1945, and never recovered, and BULLO has agreed to slip this in with the arms and get it out and away from Italian control.

11. DOELLMANN made a first-class impression on BULLO, and I was surprised to see how well he dealt with the situation, how logically his mind worked, and how he quickly saw all around the subject, and its various ramifications, etc. I suddenly saw him as he must have been in the days of his service in Rome--a first-class man, not as I so often see here as someone who lives in fear, who is never at his ease with me because I know too much about him, etc. Somehow, he creates himself a certain barrier, as he feels with me he is not on an equal footing--for he is too conscious of the conqueror and the conquered. With BULLO he felt quite differently, and the result was that I saw another DOELLMANN, or rather the DOELLMANN of another time.

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12. Off to Milano in thirty-nine degrees of heat. An appointment with Don Giovanni BARBAVESCHI (MSBA-3230, etc.) at his house, which had been made on Monday by telephone when BARBAVESCHI telephoned me from Chiasso where he had been seeing DOLLMANN.

13. BARBAVESCHI wished to give me the attached curriculum vitae (Attachment B) made and signed by DOLLMANN which I have attached at the end of the report, which gives a picture of who and what DOLLMANN was up till 1943 and the German occupation of Italy. He thought in view of the possibility of DOLLMANN contacting my friend, Paul GHALL (MSBA-3187, etc.), that it might be interesting to have this in hand. Can copies be made of this, and I will return the original to BARBAVESCHI.

14. He then said DOLLMANN had spoken about our plans for Innsbruck, etc., but that he wanted to tell me that DOLLMANN was absolutely without funds and we should have to give him the necessary funds. He said that he administered all the funds from DOLLMANN's book, giving him only enough for his living each month, as DOLLMANN had absolutely no money sense, and would spend everything he had in one day, and he wanted to warn me about letting DOLLMANN have too much money, as it would only go for nothing at all if he had too much.

15. Actually DOLLMANN was several months behind with his room rent and his pension in Lugano, and Don G. BARBAVESCHI was waiting for a check for two hundred thousand lire for DOLLMANN to pay this off, and he felt DOLLMANN could not go off if this were not paid. It seems that DOLLMANN had written a report on his connections with our service in Rome, and later in Frankfort, which had been in the hands of LANFRANCHI (MSBA-3130, etc.) who had not been able to publish it. About two weeks before LANFRANCHI had come to Lugano, picked up DOLLMANN in the car and taken him to lunch to Cassarate to the house of Maurizio BENOLI, who is one of the directors of the Casino at Campione. BENOLI is married to a German woman. During the luncheon party, LANFRANCHI said he had given this report on our services to BENOLI who was willing to pay two hundred thousand lire for this. A check was promised from Milano by BENOLI, who was leaving the next day for Montecantini. Up to date the check had not come, but BARBAVESCHI had confirmed the story with BENOLI. BARBAVESCHI said he found the whole story very strange, as he could not see for what reason BENOLI should be willing to pay this sum for manuscript of this story. I asked if DOLLMANN had asked the Americans if he could tell his part of his story, and BARBAVESCHI said DOLLMANN had told him in Frankfort they had given him permission to write anything he wished. The story as BARBAVESCHI had seen it dealt with the various Americans and the service in Rome, referring to Captain JIM (presumably WADE) in Rome, and others in Frankfort. BARBAVESCHI made three points on the story:

3. Was it only an attempt to help DOLLMANN who is sorely in need of financial help? (BENOLI, naturally, is a very rich man, and could do this if he wanted. I know him as well, and this interpretation does not fit the picture of the man I know.)

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32. Visit from BULLO this morning who wishes the Colonel (DOLLMANN) to leave the first of the week for Innsbruck, and alone, to get things started from that end.

33. We called DOLLMANN who came up and he agreed to get off on Monday or Tuesday for Innsbruck, and as soon as things are started to send a wire asking for BULLO to come, so he can be presented as the purchaser of this material. DOLLMANN will be in contact with his cousin, Hilda von FISCHER (Baroness), who has a nylon stocking shop on the MariaTheresa Strasse in Innsbruck, and who is lining up

his contacts with the big Nazis in the region, already, as he has contacted her by letter. Do you think that this should be signalled to any of our people at Innsbruck, for, according to DOLLMANN, there is an American by the name of BELL, of our service, who gets to know everything in the region, and DOLLMANN is afraid that they may pick him up, if the word gets about that DOLLMANN is in Austria?

(NOTE: Source tells us that when DOLLMANN left Frankfurt in 1943 he went into Austria black and was picked up by the French. DOLLMANN insisted on talking with an American official and was finally allowed to speak with someone named BELL, whom DOLLMANN believed to be a CIC officer. Eventually he was able to have DOLLMANN released from French custody and DOLLMANN was able to return to Italy. DOLLMANN had remarked that in his opinion, BELL was extremely well informed and was concerned that the danger existed that BELL might hear of his being in Innsbruck.)

34. In the course of the conversation with BULLO, BULLO said that one of his main contacts and source of information about Rome and its policies, etc., was a certain ROBININSKY, Pole, born in Odessa, and naturalized Italian, speaking fluently eight languages, and whose official title is Technical Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of the Interior. BULLO says he is the "Eminence Grise" of the regime, and DOLLMANN said that he had been in his day as well, and was by far the most powerful person in Rome, though he never appeared personally in anything. DOLLMANN said he had advised von RIBBENTROP in 1942 to cultivate this man if he wanted something from Rome, but von RIBBENTROP had not taken his advice, and instead sent costly presents to CIANO, and DOLLMANN said he had told Berlin that without the help of ROBININSKY, they could never succeed in Rome, and didn't succeed. Both admitted that he was a great figure behind the scenes, and BULLO wants to arrange a luncheon in Lugano for DOLLMANN and me to meet him, that is for DOLLMANN to see him again.

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